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and the particular interest of the Red Cross in developing its rural work will undoubtedly be extended through the close cooperation which representation on the National Committee now provides.

The Town and Country Nursing Service has been the gainer to even a greater degree. While the state and local Red Cross committees on Nursing Service throughout the country have always aided in the work of the Town and Country Nursing Service when called upon to do so, now that the National Committee has become responsible for this department they will, of course, share in this responsibility, making it possible for us to count upon their active cooperation.

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### NURSES ASKED TO FIGHT CANCER

Nurses, especially those engaged in public health work, can do much to prevent unnecessary deaths from cancer, according to a special bulletin published by the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

Many patients, especially women, it is pointed out, will speak to a nurse about the danger signals of this disease, such as lumps, persistent sores, ulcerations and other irregularities, when they would hesitate to call a doctor. Attention to these apparently trivial conditions, says the bulletin, often means the actual prevention of cancer or at least its discovery in the early stages when the hope of cure is greatest. In promoting the special education of nurses so that they may be prepared to act as advance scouts in discovering this insidious enemy, the Society for the Control of Cancer has obtained the cooperation of national, state and local nurses' associations. All the leading schools of nursing have been urged to provide special lectures on the early signs of this disease so that nurses, when they take up their professional work may be equipped with the necessary knowledge, not to make a diagnosis themselves but to see that people with suspicious symptoms receive prompt and competent professional advice. Through the cooperation of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, the special bulletin above referred to, is being sent to several thousand visiting nurses' associations and prominent individual nurses throughout the country. Copies may also be obtained from the American Society for the Control of Cancer, 25 West 45th Street, New York City.